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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: REBUILDING LEBANON'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM

REF: (A) TEHRAN 3211, (B) TEHRAN 2980, (C) STATE 82762 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE RAPHAEL APR 14, DCM MENTIONED ABII AS POSSIBLE CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TELEPHONE MATTERS, DRAWING ON INFO PROVIDED IN TEHRAN 3211 (NOT SENT DEPT). RAPHAEL SAID HE WAS ALREADY DISCUSSING REORGANIZATION AND REEQUIPMENT OF LEBANON'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM WITH ITU AND UNDP REPS AND WITH OFFICIALS OF BELL OF CANADA (REPORTEDLY A SUBSIDIARY OF ITT). HE SAID THAT IF ABII WISHED TO SEND A REP (AT ITS EXPENSE) TO BEIRUT TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE HIM. IF HE (RAPHAEL) WERE OUT OF TOWN, THE ABII REP COULD MEET WITH MR. FREM OR MR. LUTFI, WHO WERE NOT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUT WHO WERE HANDLING THIS PROJECT FOR HIM. THERE WOULD OF COURSE BE NO COMMITMENT ON EITHER SIDE.

2. COMMENT: FROM DESCRIPTION REF B, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER ABII HAS THE KIND OF EXPERTIZE RAPHAEL IS LOOKING FOR AND IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE IS ALREADY COMMITTED TO ONE OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY BELIEVES A VISIT BY ABII REP TO BEIRUT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE,
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BOTH TO DISCUSS RAPHAEL'S IDEAS ON REORGANIZATION OF PTT AND TO LOOK INTO FUTURE COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES IN LEBANON. IF ABII DECIDES TO SEND A REP TO BEIRUT, EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH RAPHAEL AND/OR FREM AND LUTFI. SINCE RAPHAEL SPEAKS FRENCH BUT NOT ENGLISH, A FRANCOPHONE WOULD BE USEFUL. PLEASE ADVISE.
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